THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) to (c) The percentage of income to cost of Lower Koti Branch Post Office in Shimla District is 8.2% whereas, as per the prescribed norms the percentage of income to cost of a Branch Post Office in a hilly area should be at least 15%. Therefore, there is no proposal to upgrade Lower Koti Branch Post Office to a Departmental Sub-Post Office.

Interests of I.T. workers in U.K.

2629. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been conducted by a trade body of U.K. on the Indian Information Technology workers;

(b) whether it is a fact that the U.K. based Indian Information Technology workers are worried over the trend of 'Indians go home' in U.K.; and

(c) if so, the steps Government propose to take to safeguard their interests in U.K.

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN): (a) Government is not aware of any such survey.

(b) Government has not received any such feedback.

(c) Does not arise.

Software exports

2630. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that software exports came down after September 11, 2001 terrorist attack in America;

(b) if so, the details thereof;